

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for grouping columns of data into different levels for subsequent multiple level operations, comprising the steps:
 - providing sub-columns within a single table column, said table columns and each of the sub-columns having an associated header; and
 - using multiple dummy tables and displaying them separately on different locations, one of the dummy tables including one or more of the associated headers.
2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein:
 - said one of the dummy tables includes the header associated with the table column; and
 - a second of the dummy tables includes the headers associated with the sub-columns.
3. A method according to Claim 2, wherein the columns of data includes a multitude of data cells, and the multitude of dummy tables includes a third dummy table including said multitude of data cells.
4. A method according to Claim 3, wherein the displaying step includes the step of contiguously displaying the first, second and third dummy tables.
5. A method according to Claim 3, wherein:
 - the one of the dummy tables includes only the header associated with the table column: and
 - the second of the dummy tables includes only the headers associated with the sub-columns.

6. A method according to Claim 5, wherein the third dummy table includes only said multitude of data cells.

7. A system for displaying a table including a plurality of headers and a multitude of data cells, each of the headers identifying contents of a set of the data cells, the system comprising:

means for creating one or more header dummy tables including one or more of said headers, and for creating a data dummy table including one or more of said data cells; and

means for displaying the header and data dummy tables at separate locations on a display device.

8. A system according to Claim 7, wherein:

the plurality of headers includes a first level of headers and a second level of sub-headers;

at least one header of the first level of headers has at least one sub-header of the second level of headers; and

the means for creating header dummy tables includes means for creating a first header dummy table including headers of the first level of headers and for creating a second header dummy table including sub-headers of the second level of headers.

9. A system according to Claim 8, wherein the means for creating header dummy tables includes means for creating a respective one first header dummy table for each of the headers of the first level that has at least one sub-header.

10. A system according to Claim 8, wherein:

the first header dummy table includes only headers of the first level of headers; and

the second header dummy table includes only sub-headers of the second level of headers.

11. A system according to Claim 10, wherein the data dummy table includes only data cells.

12. A system according to Claim 8, wherein the means for creating header dummy tables includes means for creating, for each of the headers in the first level of headers that has one or more sub-headers in the second level of headers, a respective one second header dummy table to hold all of the sub-headers of said each of the headers of the first level of headers.

13. A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for displaying a table including a plurality of headers and a multitude of data cells, each of the headers identifying contents of a set of the data cells, said method steps comprising:

creating one or more header dummy tables including one or more of said headers;

creating a data dummy table including one or more of said data cells; and

displaying the header and data dummy tables at separate locations on a display device.

14. A program storage device according to Claim 13, wherein:
the plurality of headers includes a first level of headers and a second level of sub-headers;
at least one header of the first level of headers has at least one sub-header of the second level of headers; and
the step of creating header dummy tables includes the steps of creating a first header dummy table including headers of the first level of headers and creating a second header dummy table including sub-headers of the second level of headers.
15. A program storage device according to Claim 14, wherein the step of creating header dummy tables includes creating a respective one first header dummy table for each of the headers of the first level that has at least one sub-header.
16. A program storage device according to Claim 14, wherein:
the first header dummy table includes only headers of the first level of headers; and
the second header dummy table includes only sub-headers of the second level of headers.
17. A program storage device according to Claim 16, wherein the data dummy table includes only data cells.
18. A program storage device according to Claim 14, wherein the step of creating header dummy tables includes the step of creating, for each of the headers in the first level of headers that has one or more sub-headers in the second level of headers, a respective one second header dummy table to hold all of the sub-headers of said each of the headers of the first level of headers.